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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PERSONS SUFFERING FROM DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons suffering from T.B., Dengu, Malaria, Blindness and AIDS during the current year and their comparative figures for the last three years;

(b) whether the funds provided for treatment of these diseases have not been fully utilised;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for proper utilisation of funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Information regarding number of persons suffering from Dengue, Malaria, TB and AIDS during the last 3 years, is given in the statement annexed. So far as Blindness is concerned, estimated number of blind persons on the basis of National Survey (1986-89) are about 1.2 crores in the country.

(b)to(d)Central Government provides Commodity assistance to the State Governments in the form of drugs, based on requirements, and equipments like Binocular Microscopes under both the National TB Programme and the National Anti-Malaria Programme. Commodity assistance to the States is also provided under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB).

Cash assistance is provided under the National TB Control Programme for procurement of anti-TB drugs for sputum negative cases. Under RNTCP Programme, funds are also provided to District TB Societies for purposes like training of staff, IEC activities, Lab Consumables, contractual supervisory staff etc. Similarly, under the National Programme for Control of Blindness, funds are released on the basis of State/District Action Plan and also directly to District Societies for implementing variousschemes. Under the National AIDS Control Progoramme, funds are provided to all States/UTs for the management of AIDS according to their action plan.These programmes are on-going activities and the funds are directly releasled to the State Governments/District Societies which utilise them for undertaking various specified activities. Whatever amount remains unutilised in any given year is carried over to the next financial year. Further release of funds is, however, subject to the receipt of Audited Statement of Accounts/Utilisation Certificates from the concerned States/District Societies for the funds already released.Regular monitoring of the utilisation of funds is being done through quarterly reports as well as periodic review meetings with the State level functionaries and District Societies.